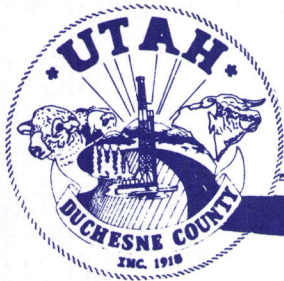


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DIVISION OF
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RE: Duchesne County Asphalt Mine M/047/028

Dear Mr Gallegos:

Duchesne County is no longer mining natural asphalt at the Whiterocks Canyon mine due to the location of the mine and the high cost of transportation it is no longer cost effective to continue. Therefore we have returned our 25% interest to the John E. Fausett family. We would like to proceed with reclamation as outlined in our large mine permit, however prior to proceeding with reclamation we would ask you to notify the Fausett family of our intent as they may want to take our large mine permit and the responsibility associated with it and continue to mine the natural asphalt.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas Nielsen".

Douglas Nielsen
Supervisor
Duchesne County Road Dept.

DN/tc